


**Moving
Needles**
A CDC FUNDED INITIATIVE

Improving Adult Immunization Rates in PALTC

A five-year, CDC-funded
cooperative agreement with AMDA

 THE SOCIETY
FOR POST-ACUTE AND
LONG-TERM
CARE MEDICINE™

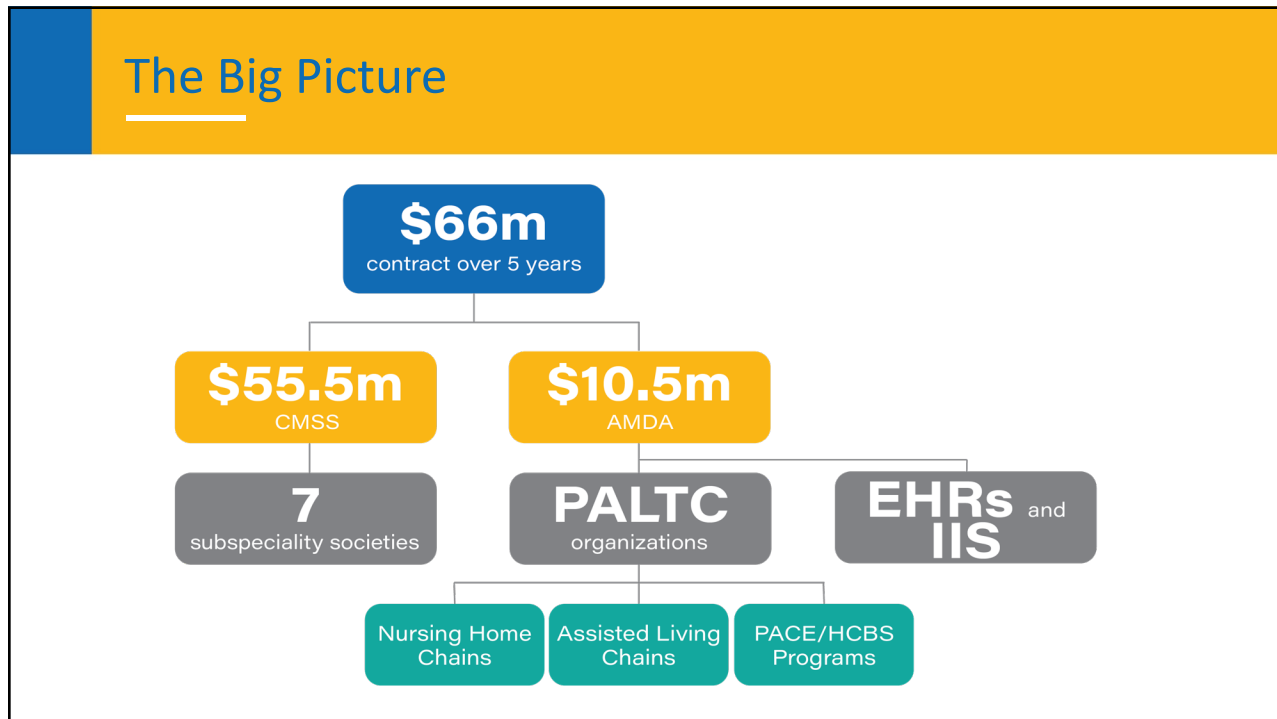
WWW.MOVINGNEEDLES.ORG

1

Today's Objectives

- Provide an overview of the Moving Needles Project
- Share details about the quality improvement pilot
- Encourage Summit members to visit the website and sign up for the newsletter

2



3

Overview

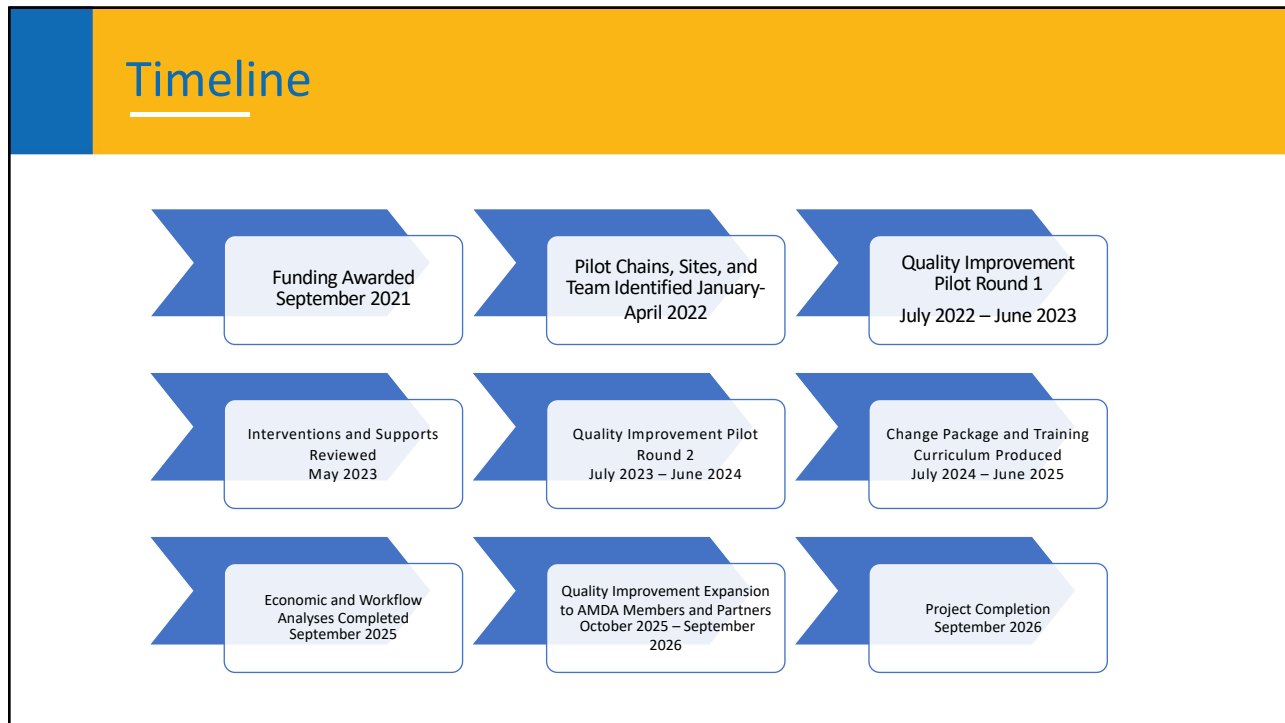
Goal

Make routine adult immunizations a standard of care for PALTC residents and an expectation for employees.

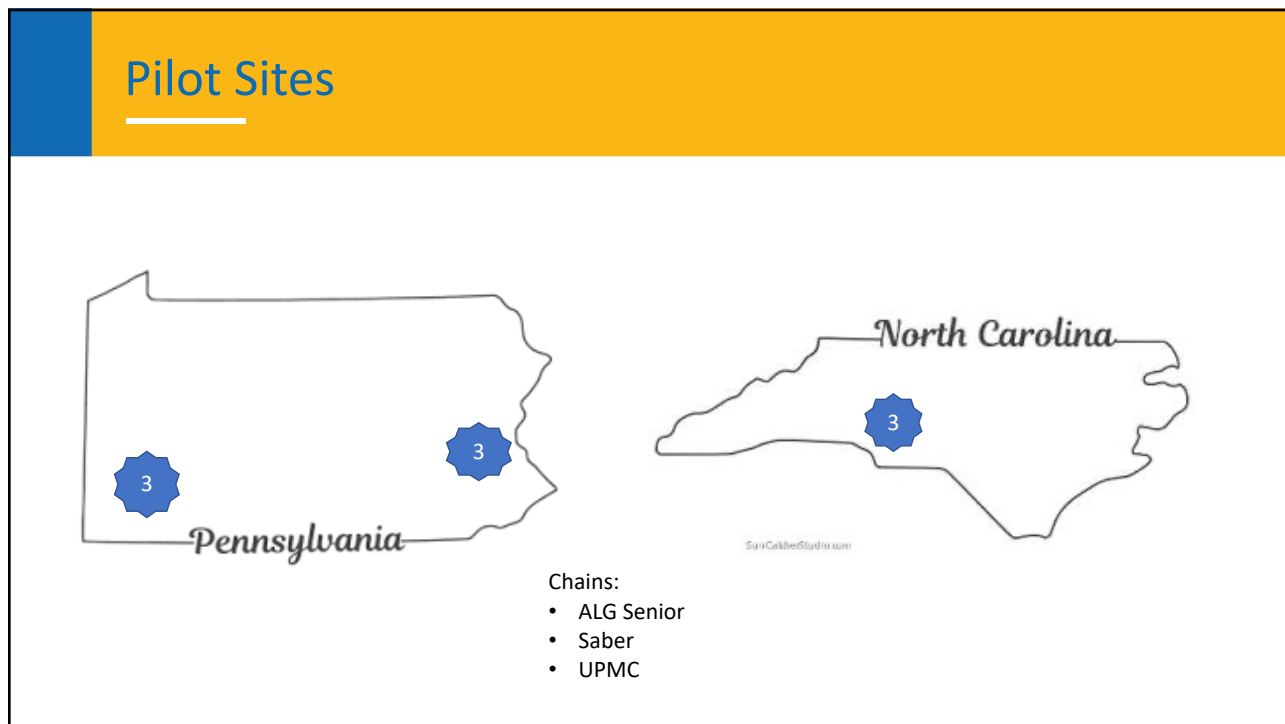
Main Components

- Align existing immunization policies and procedures in PALTC
- Develop pilot programs to test standardized routine adult immunizations across all PALTC settings, for both residents and staff
- Establish baseline data and measure improvement
- Integrate routine immunization and reporting to state IISs into workflows and EHR systems for both staff and residents
- Demonstrate both clinical benefits and operational/cost benefits to implementation
- Establish a permanent resource on PALTC immunization

4



5



6



Structure of the Pilot

Teams in each site: medical director (where applicable), CNA or other front-line staff, director of nursing, etc.

Once a month:

-  Hour long virtual meeting – part information/education, part group discussion and measures review
-  Individual site 15-minute check in
-  Data submission

7

Pilot Interventions



Residents:

- Adopt standard operating procedures
 - Standing orders, prompts or reminders, offer onsite with regular calendar
- Address concerns of residents and families
- Create immunization champions/advocates



Staff:

- Offer vaccines on site at no cost
- Address concerns of staff
- Build trust between administration and front line staff
- Consider the impact of mandates

8

Pilot Interventions



9

Measures for Residents

COVID-19

- Fully vaccinated: 2 doses of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or 1 dose of Janssen
- Up-to-date: 2nd booster: for adults age 50+ years old **OR** ages 12 years & older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised
- Up-to-date: 1st booster for everyone else 12 & older

Influenza

- Once per year
- For 65+, consider an enhanced vaccine that has been shown to work better in older adults

Pneumococcal

- For 65+
- One dose of PCV20 or PCV15+PPSV23
- No need to revaccinate if they have previously received PCV13
- Give PCV15 or 20 if they have only received PPSV23 in the past

Tdap

- Once every 10 years
- When feasible, use Boostrix for 65+

Shingles

- For 50+
- RZV (Shingrix) is now recommended
- 2 doses, 2-6 months apart
- Should be given even if someone had shingles or was previously vaccinated with Zostavax

10

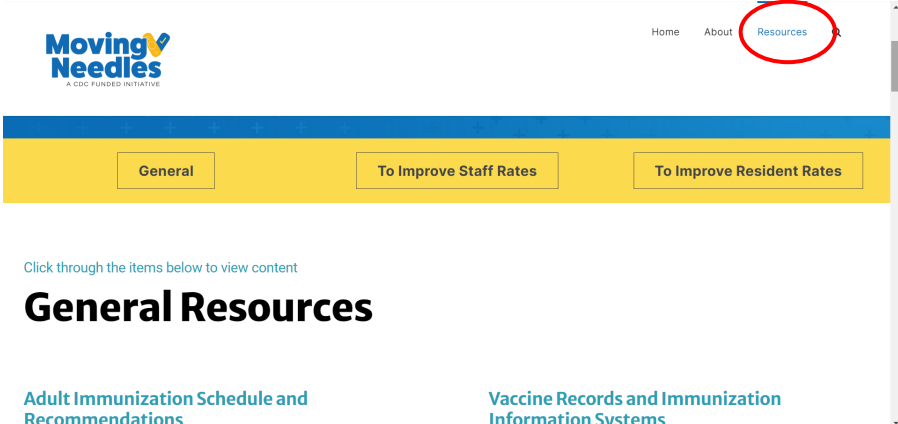
Measures for Staff

- COVID-19**
 - Fully vaccinated: 2 doses of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or 1 dose of Janssen
 - Up-to-date: 1st booster for everyone 12 & older
- Influenza**
 - Once per year
 - For 65+, consider an enhanced vaccine that has been shown to work better in older adults
- Hepatitis B**
 - Adults age 19-59
 - 60+ with risk factors for Hepatitis B
 - 2-dose, 3-dose, or 4-dose series, depending on vaccine or condition as recommended by the CDC

11

Website and Newsletter

- www.movingneedles.org and movingneedles@paltc.org



The screenshot shows the Moving Needles website interface. At the top left is the logo 'Moving Needles A CDC FUNDED INITIATIVE'. To the right are navigation links: 'Home', 'About', and 'Resources' (circled in red). Below the navigation is a yellow bar with three buttons: 'General', 'To Improve Staff Rates', and 'To Improve Resident Rates'. Underneath, a text prompt says 'Click through the items below to view content'. The main heading is 'General Resources'. Below this are two links: 'Adult Immunization Schedule and Recommendations' and 'Vaccine Records and Immunization Information Systems'.

12

Thank You!

Elizabeth Sobczyk esobczyk@paltc.org

Allison Lipps alipps@paltc.org

David Casey dcasey@paltc.org



13